

RCC FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

January 2023

2022 was one for the books! Read on as we share some of the biggest success stories from our Foundation office, alumni, and upcoming events!



Events

A Record Breaking Golf Tournament

The 38th Anniversary Clifford Bullard Memorial Golf Tournament raised over \$85,000 on October 6th at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton. The 2022 tournament will go down in history as one of the best, raising 60% more than the previous year, in which the college raised just over \$50,000 in 2021. Since the beginning of the tournament in 1984, the Bullard Tournament has raised more than \$730,000. Adding to the substantial increase was a generous donation of \$25,000 from Lumberton native John L. Townsend III.

First Annual Telethon

The Foundation held its first-ever telethon on the National Day of Giving, November 29th. The telethon raised \$16,000 for the Veterans Wall of Honor, and Veteran student scholarships.

Your Pie Pizza Night

Faculty, staff and the local community raise \$600 with community partner Your Pie on December 5th.

Scholarship News

Julian T. Pierce Memorial Initiative Raises \$25,000

The Foundation received a \$25,000 gift, a portion of the proceeds, from the Julian T. Pierce Memorial Initiative held on December 14th. The money will go toward scholarships for students, in continuing the legacy of Julian T. Pierce to “keep the vision” in supporting education and equality for all people. The donation was raised during the 9th Annual Julian T. Pierce Memorial Art Dinner.

\$88,273.55 Total Scholarship Funds Awarded During Fall 2022

Alumni Spotlight



Warren Jason Beck

Class of 1997

Degree: AAS, Respiratory Therapy

Title: President & CEO, Columbus Regional Healthcare System

"I am a lifelong resident of Columbus County, NC. When graduating high school I knew I wanted to be in healthcare. Having asthma as a child led me to respiratory therapy. Like many young people in rural communities, I too heard time and time again that you must leave to be successful. I love being in a rural community and find that sentiment not to be true. There are opportunities! For those that

have the calling to leave and seek a larger more urban environment that is great. However, those that have a desire to stay "home" have a tremendous opportunity through the community college system. Rural communities need young talent and not only in healthcare. The community college system plays a pivotal role in preparing one for a successful future. It is at RCC I began to realize the importance of education and what it means to be a lifelong learner. With great mentors throughout my education and professional career I learned that education has a far-reaching impact beyond preparing one for a career. It allows the student or learner to build a life skill to earn living wage and perhaps prepare for a more secure future, while for the community, your providing skills or services needed within the community. With healthcare as an example, one can look at outcomes based on zip codes and find that rural communities typically do not have the same outcomes as more urban areas. Life expectancy should not be defined by one's zip code. Education is the foundation needed in rural communities to meet the growing needs of our rural communities. Healthcare was my calling and I have countless blessings of having the opportunity to care for someone when it was most needed."

Upcoming Dates

Veterans Wall of Honor Grand Reveal - January 13th, at Building 13 flagpole, at 10 A.M.

Ladies Night Out - February 2th - Student Center, Building 13, 5 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Homecoming - TBA

